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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) GENEVA 1525; (B) GENEVA 1156

1. FURTHER TO REFTEL (A) OUTLINED BELOW IS MOST CURRENT INFO RECEIVED FROM FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GREECE AND SPAIN ON ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES. INFO FROM UNITED KINGDOM INDICATES THAT THERE IS NO CENTRAL POINT FOR REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE AND NO ACCOUNTING OF TOTAL BUDGET. IN KIND ASSISTANCE SUCH AS AIR TRANSPORTATION INFO FURNISHED BEING SOUGHT AND WILL BE SENT WHEN RECEIVED.

A. GREECE. TOTAL ASSISTANCE BUDGETED FOR CY 1974 IS DOLS 612,133. THIS AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) HOUSING AND AMENITIES FOR REFUGEES:

(A) HOUSING - DOLS 132,133

(B) AMENITIES - DOLS 113,333

(2) OPERATION OF LAVRION REFUGEE RECEPTION CENTER - DOLS 66,667

(3) RENT SUBSIDIES AND ANNUITIES FOR GREEK ETHNIC REFUGEES FROM USSR, TURKEY, ETC. - DOLS 300,000.

B. SPAIN. CY 1974 BUDGET EXPECTED TO BE DOLS 112,000 OR 20 PERCENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LESS THAN CY 1973 BUDGET OF DOLS 140,000 FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE.

THIS AMOUNT USED PRINCIPALLY TO ASSIST CUBAN REFUGEES IN SPAIN.

C. GERMANY. FRG 1974 BUDGET CALLS FOR APPROXIMATELY
DOLS 2,617,720,257 FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND EXPELLEES IN
GERMANY. THIS AMOUNT CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

(1) DOLS 14,990,845 EARMARKED FOR VARIOUS TYPES ASSISTANCE TO NON-
GERMAN REFUGEES. THIS AMOUNT MAY BE INCREASED DURING YEAR
TO ASSIST CHILEAN REFUGEES.

(2) DOLS 1,490,119,117 FOR GERMAN ETHNIC REFUGEES AND EXPELLEES.

(3) SOCIAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO REFUGEES AND EXPELLEES (WAR
VICTIMS, GENERAL WELFARE, NATIONAL OLD AGE INSURANCE, ETC.)
AMOUNT TO DOLS 1,105,257,352.

(4) THE EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1973 INCLUDES AN
ITEM EARMARKED FOR LOW-RATE INTEREST LOANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF PRIVATE BUSINESS BY GERMAN REFUGEES AND EXPELLEES, AMOUNTING
TO DOLS 7,352,941. THIS AMOUNT HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN TOTAL GIVEN IN
PARA C.

(5) IN ADDITION TO FUNDS MENTIONED ABOVE, GERMAN REFUGEES AND
EXPELLEES RECEIVE CERTAIN TAX PRIVILEGES AND AMENITIES, THE
AMOUNTS OF WHICH ARE INCALCULABLE. HOWEVER, IN PARTICULAR
INSTANCE OF EQUALIZATION OF BURDENS ACCRUING TO GERMAN REFUGEES
AND EXPELLEES, WHICH IS FINANCED BY A SURCHARGE ON PROPERTY
TAX, ABOUT DOLS 55 MILLION WAS PAID IN 1973. DALE

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